

## **FULBRIGHT VISITING RESEARCHER (JSD) PROGRAM**

Call for Applications: February 10, 2010

Closing Date: June 1, 2010

The Fulbright Visiting Researcher Program, otherwise known as Fulbright Junior Staff Development (JSD) is a nine-month research program funded by the U.S. Department of State in Washington D.C. and administered by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) and the Institute of International Education (IIE) in New York.

The program, specially designed for Nigeria, is aimed at supporting largely federal, a few private and state universities, and research institutes in their effort to develop their academic staff potential. The program targets young and exceptionally promising faculty members and give them opportunity to conduct doctoral research at U.S. academic or research institutions for a maximum of nine (9) months.

Candidates are advised to read the instructions preceding the application carefully and to seek the assistance of senior colleagues who are Fulbright alumni before they fill out the forms. Only candidates with strong proposals that justify conducting their research in the U.S. will be short listed for interviews.

Interested candidates can apply online at the following website:

<https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international>

### **Objectives of the Program**

- To promote institutional linkages between U.S. and Nigerian universities and institutions.
- To expose Nigerian academics to U.S. education system and standard research facilities for timely completion of their doctoral program.
- To promote teaching and research as well as manpower development for Nigeria's higher institutions of learning.

- To expose grantees to leadership skills and voluntary service with a view to sensitizing them to practice these values when they return home.

### **Eligibility Guidelines**

- All prospective applicants for the Fulbright JSD Program must understand that the program is **non-degree** (for Nigeria).
- Candidates must be Nigerian citizens resident in Nigeria at the time of application and throughout the selection process.
- Candidates must state their Study/Research Objectives clearly and concisely, including time frame, methodology and program design for accomplishing the research.
- Candidates must be lecturers in university or research institute with requisite two years of doctoral research experience. Completion of a significant portion of the doctoral research is an added advantage.
- Candidates must be faculty members in the sciences, social science, languages, business, and law with uninterrupted years of experience in teaching and research. Candidates in the business, accounting and law courses are not guaranteed placement due to high competition in these areas.
- Candidates selected for the program should be prepared to undergo a thorough medical examination conducted by a qualified physician and at a recognized medical unit or university teaching hospital. An authorized health official or licensed physician must issue the results of the exam onto the prescribed medical form supplied by IIE and attach a medical certificate. Candidates must also complete all immunization requirements before departing Nigeria.
- Candidates should attach copies of all diplomas and certificates to their application. In addition, candidates must submit copies of their resume and bio-data page of international passport.
- All short listed candidates will be required to take the internet-based Testing of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and get a minimum score of 79. In addition to TOEFL, candidates from the social science faculty must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

- Applications **must be submitted online** on or before the closing date (June 1, 2010). Other documents may be scanned and attached to the online application, or sent by regular mail, or courier – **Attention:** Cultural Affairs Officer, Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy, Plot 1075 Diplomatic Drive, Abuja, Nigeria, or to the Public Diplomacy Officer, Public Affairs Section, U.S. Consulate General, #2 Broad Street, Lagos, Nigeria.

Interested candidates can get more information by sending an e-mail to [culturalabuja@state.gov](mailto:culturalabuja@state.gov)